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**FOUR MEN CONVICTED IN TAMPA AS CREW MEMBERS
OF GAMBINO CRIME FAMILY**

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced that a jury found Ronald J. Trucchio a/k/a "Ronnie One-Arm," Steven Catalano, Kevin M. McMahon, and Terry L. Scaglione guilty of conspiracy to violate the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations ("RICO") statute, and found Scaglione guilty of one count of extortion. Trucchio and Catalano each face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, and McMahon and Scaglione each face a maximum sentence of twenty years' imprisonment. Trucchio, Catalano, and McMahon were remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service. Scaglione remains free on bond pending his sentencing hearing. Sentencing hearings for all four defendants have been set for March 2, 2007. A fifth defendant, John E. Alite, is currently being held in Brazil awaiting extradition to the United States.

From about the Fall of 1984 and continuing thru 2004, Catalano, McMahon, Scaglione, and others, under the supervision and direction of Trucchio and Alite, comprised a criminal crew, or enterprise, that operated in the Tampa Bay area, South

Florida, New York, New Jersey, and elsewhere, under the influence and control of the Gambino Organized Crime Family of La Cosa Nostra ("the Gambino Crime Family"). The Gambino Crime Family is one "family" in a nationwide criminal organization commonly referred to as "La Cosa Nostra," or the "Mafia."

Trucchio, a "caporegima" or "capo" in the Gambino Crime Family, authorized and supervised the wide-ranging criminal activities of the crew, the principal purpose of which was to generate money for its members and associates through the commission of various criminal acts. Trucchio supervised the crew that – along with other uncharged individuals – engaged in multiple acts and threats involving murder, robbery, extortion, dealing in controlled substances, interference with commerce by threats and violence, interstate travel in aid of racketeering enterprises, making extortionate extensions of credit, collection of extensions of credit by extortionate means, and interstate transportation of stolen property.

Alite, a resident of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, was the crew leader and paid tribute to Trucchio, and other organized crime members, from the crew's criminally derived proceeds. Alite invoked the authority and the influence of the Gambino Crime Family to: (i) control and influence legal businesses, such as valet parking service businesses; (ii) control illegal businesses, including but not limited to, the business of illegally dealing in controlled substances, the business of illegal gambling, and the business of collection of unlawful debts; and (iii) create and instill fear in others, including individuals who were, or had been, members or associates of the criminal crew. Alite was arrested by Brazilian federal police on Wednesday, November 24, 2004, in Copacabana, Brazil. Interpol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") aided in the arrest.

This lengthy investigation, resulting in today's convictions, was coordinated by the Pinellas Resident Agency of the Tampa Field Office of the FBI, and included the Miami and Brooklyn-Queens Metropolitan FBI offices, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, the Tampa Police Department, the New York City Police Department, the Queens County District Attorney's Office, the FBI Legal Attache' to Brazil, the Brazilian federal police, and Interpol. The case was prosecuted in Tampa, Florida by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jay G. Trezevant and Dennis I. Moore.